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Germanstown Feb 21st 1861

Dear Ma

I received your letter written by Greadwell a few days ago and was very glad to hear from you all, I had almost despaired of receiving an answer to my letter & Ma you do not know what relief it gave me to know that you forgave me for not letting you know all, and am very sorry that it was impossible for me to let you know all in time. Ma I wanted you and Lis to see me married very much. ~~my~~ in fact I did not have time, as our engagement was only one week long, I did not have time to visit you all. and had to go to Memphis several times. I did not wish to write but expected to see Greadwell or some of you there, Ma I'm sure you never

will regret our marriage, and know
you will love Em when you know
her as I do, She is the best wife in the
world. and is one of the best disposed
girls in the world. and is the most
amiable person I ever saw. I know
you will be proud of her. and never
have cause to regret the past, Ma I
wish you & Lis could see her before
we leave Tennessee. We expect to leave
tomorrow for Mt Adams (Ark). Mr Blair
intends living there and is anxious
for us to go with him. I wish to see
the country and have a good chance
I don't know long I shall remain there
if I like it I will stay several months
Ma Carrie seems to take a great interest
in me I was there the other day. and
she regretted much that I married
and told me all the reports that were
afoot. She told me all she heard, and
said that she heard I was very drunk
when I married. and was sorry it was so

Ma you know I have a very great
Antipathy for such Aristocracy as her
& moreover asked me whether or why did
you object. I had not from you then
but I'm sure you will think more
of her ^{Em} than either of your Daughter in Law
I will have to close by telling you all
the news. There has been a great many
marriages in last week through the
Country Mr Evans a Presbyterian Preacher
married Miss Maggie Wilson & Robert Duke
& Miss Anderson & Ferdinana Scott & Miss
Roberts all married yesterday I have heard
of several more in the last few days
it is generally believed this ought to be
a good Crop year,

Ma Aunt Betsy Breadwell was down
the other day and stayed several days
We will visit you all after we come
back from Arkansas. I would have wanted
see you all before I left. but knew it
would be very inconvenient. as the roads
are so bad. and we have no way of

going anywhere I will write again
I get to Arkansas, and try to write
you a long letter and tell you all
the news. I forgot to tell ^{you} that Billy
Cole is dead & Old Parson Burnes &
Dan Delap. I must stop writing
because I know you are tired of
reading, write to me at Mt Adams
Ark Co, Ark. then I will write and
let you know when I will come
back Emma is sick now and is bed
I don't think there is much the matter
with her except being sick at the stomach
She is asleep now and will write as soon
as I wake her up; Ma after taking Liv
made me a good Goddy, and I feel so
much better. Give our ^{love} to all. and you
all must write to me soon

Your Baby B Farabee